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UNSUB; DON FIFIELD BOLLES - VICTIM, EID

RE PHOENIX NITEL JUNE 2, 1976.

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INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED MATTER BY PHOENIX POLICE

DEPARTMENT, HOMICIDE DETAIL, CONTINUING. ON AFTERNOON JUNE 3, 1976, VICTIM STILL REMAINS CRITICAL CONDITION, INTERVIEWED BRIEFLY BY PHOENIX PD OFFICERS. VICTIM UNABLE TO CONVERSE BUT COMMUNICATED LIMITED INFORMATION BY NODDING HEAD. VICTIM ADVISED INTERVIEWING OFFICERS THAT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO EXPLOSION HE DROVE TO CLARENDON HOTEL, PHOENIX, TO MEET JOHN ADAMSON AND ANTICIPATED RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM ADAMSON IMPLICATING CONGRESSMAN SAM STEIGER, ARIZONA, IN POSSIBLE LAND FRAUD ACTIVITIES. A FEW MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL AT HOTEL VICTIM RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL IN LOBBY, FROM ADAMSON, WHO INSTRUCTED VICTIM TO DRIVE TO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING FOR THE MEETING. VICTIM ALSO COMMUNICATED HE BELIEVES EMPRISE CORPORATION RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBING HIS VEHICLE. NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS  
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This information was received between 2-4-84 and 3-16-84. Included in these serials were articles on the robberies found in the Los Angeles Times and the Daily News newspapers.

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Communication titled "FRANK BOMPENSIERO," a confidential source had advised [redacted]  
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Based on the above information, Los Angeles considers this matter RUC'D.

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IMPORTANT WITH POSSIBLE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OR IMPLICATIONS.

ON JUNE 3, 1976, THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF PHOENIX, TELEPHONED FBI, PHOENIX, TO ADVISE THAT ON JUNE 2, 1976, ANONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONED MAYOR'S OFFICE DURING AFTERNOON HOURS FOLLOWING BOMBING TO STATE THAT "MAYOR WILL GET IT LIKE BOLLES." ON JUNE 3. 1976 AT 11:45 A.M. SAME CALLER AG

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TELEPHONED THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO ADVISE "BOMB IN MAYOR'S OFFICE TO GO OFF IN FIFTEEN MINUTES." SEARCH OF CITY OFFICES BY PHOENIX PD NEGATIVE. PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS DESCRIBED CALLER AS YOUNG MALE VOICE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TELEPHONE CALL TO FBI PHOENIX BY CONGRESSMAN SAM STEIGER WAS RECEIVED BY SAs, PHOENIX WHO CONDUCTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN STEIGER.

FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION WITH GSA, PHOENIX, DISCLOSED DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT OWNED VEHICLE PARKED IN PARKING AREA NEAR VICTIM VEHICLE SUSTAINED APPROXIMATELY \$35.00 IN DAMAGE; DAMAGES WERE SUPERFICIAL FROM GRAVEL AND ROCKS PROPELLED AGAINST THE AUTOMOBILE.

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CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH PHOENIX POLICE  
HOMICIDE BY PHOENIX DIVISION.

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, THIS MATTER RECEIVING EXTENSIVE  
PRESS COVERAGE IN STATE OF ARIZONA. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS  
INQUIRIES, PHOENIX DIVISION HAS ADVISED WE ARE EXTENDING THOSE  
SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS.

PHOENIX TAKING NO ACTION TO ASSIST LOCAL POLICE  
INVESTIGATION RE [REDACTED] AS LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS  
CONSIDERING TRAVEL TO CALIFORNIA TO CONDUCT THIS INTERVIEW.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALBUQUERQUE, AT 11:45 A.M., JUNE 2,  
1976, UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE WAS DETONATED IN VEHICLE OCCUPIED BY  
VICTIM, A NEWS REPORTER FOR LOCAL PHOENIX NEWSPAPER. VICTIM  
HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVE ARTICLES PAST SIX YEARS ON LOCAL AND  
NATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME MATTERS. VICTIM SUFFERED SERIOUS  
INJURIES TO LOWER HALF OF BODY AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

AT THIS TIME EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY  
PHOENIX PD HOMICIDE DIVISION. FBI PHOENIX FOLLOWING LOCAL  
INVESTIGATION CLOSELY AND INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR OUT-OF  
STATE LEADS HAS BEEN OFFERED. ON JUNE 3, 1976, PHOENIX PD  
REQUESTED FBI LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED].

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ALBUQUERQUE AT ALBUQUERQUE INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATOR, BIA, REGARDING DETAILS OF TELEPHONE CALL TO CONGRESSMAN SAM STEIGER'S OFFICE, PHOENIX. SUTEL SUMMARY OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO PHOENIX NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M., JUNE 7, 1976, TO BE FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW FORMS.

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11:10AM URGENT 6/4/76 VLC

TO LOS ANGELES

PHOENIX (174-559)

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (174-811) P

UNSUB; DON FIFIELD BOLLES - VICTIM. EID.

RE PHOENIX NITEL TO BUREAU, JUNE 3, 1976 (NO COPY TO  
LOS ANGELES).

ON JUNE 4, 1976, CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BIA, ALBUQUERQUE, [REDACTED], REVEALED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], BIA INVESTIGATOR, CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
MEETING WITH LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN EFFORT  
TO ESTABLISH COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS. [REDACTED] SCHEDULED  
TO RETURN TO ALBUQUERQUE SOMETIME MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1976.

[REDACTED] CANVASSED PERSONNEL IN BIA OFFICE CONCERNING LOCATION  
OF [REDACTED] WHILE IN LOS ANGELES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ALBUQUERQUE WILL CONTACT PHOENIX AND HAVE RE NITEL  
SENT TO LOS ANGELES FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
THROUGH LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH ALBUQUERQUE LEAD IN RETEL. IN EVENT [REDACTED] NOT LOCATED  
BY LOS ANGELES, ALBUQUERQUE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]  
UPON HIS RETURN TO ALBUQUERQUE JUNE 7, 1976.

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# Bomb Designed to Kill Newspaperman, Police Say

BY BILL HAZLETT

Times Staff Writer

PHOENIX—A sophisticated, mercury-activated bomb was used in the Mafia-style murder attempt that maimed investigative reporter Don Bolles, The Times learned Friday.

The device, consisting of about four sticks of dynamite and apparently attached to the underside of Bolles' car by a magnet, was detonated by a battery-powered mercury switch, critically injuring the 47-year-old reporter for the Arizona Republic Wednesday night.

The device was triggered when the car's movement caused the mercury to roll forward, completing an electrical circuit.

"It was definitely a 'kill' hit, planned by somebody who wanted to do a number on Bolles and not just injure or maim him," said Homicide Sgt. Bill Dowdy of the Phoenix police department.

Dowdy said there was very little doubt that the bombing was an organized crime "hit."

Until about a month ago, when he was reassigned to his newspaper's capital bureau, Bolles had been an extremely cautious reporter, Dowdy said.

"He'd put a piece of transparent tape on the hood of his car so he could tell if it had been opened," Dowdy said.

"He'd been threatened any number of times and he just wasn't one to take chances. Then he apparently relaxed and they got him."

The explosion mangled Bolles' lower body, forcing amputation of his right leg, and riddled him with shrapnel.

Bolles, father of seven children, is in critical but stable condition in St. Joseph's Hospital here after five hours of surgery and treatment on a dialysis machine following kidney failure.

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Despite his condition, Sgt. Dowdy said, Bolles is attempting to assist investigators in their search for the bomber.

"He can only nod yes or no to our questions, but he gave us two or three pretty good leads," Dowdy said.

Right after he was blown out of his car he told the paramedics that if he died he had been working on a story involving the Mafia, a sports concessionaire, and John Henry Adamson, police said.

Adamson, object of a two-day search by police, surrendered to Phoenix police early Friday after his attorney, Stephen Scott, negotiated the arrangement.

"He refused to make any statements on the advice of his lawyer and was booked into county jail on an old misdemeanor charge of defrauding an innkeeper," Dowdy said.

"We haven't filed any charges against him, so he'll be in and out, but he did agree to remain in contact with the department."

Bolles, an investigative reporter for the Arizona Republic since 1962, had been investigating organized crime and sports concessions in Arizona for several years, according to fellow reporters.

In addition to his work on organized crime, Bolles had written numerous stories dealing with major land frauds, white-collar crimes, Mafia infiltration of legitimate businesses in Phoenix and a recent surge of Mafia-controlled prostitution, gambling and pornography in this area.

At the time of the bombing, according to his coworkers, Bolles was investigating a story that reportedly involved a sports concessionaire and at least two Arizona politicians.

Phoenix bomb technicians working with FBI agents and explosives experts from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, theorized that the bombing of Bolles' car was the work of "somebody who knew a lot about bombs."

"There's very little doubt about it being an organized crime hit," said Dowdy, "but most of those people don't like to work with mercury switches because they're too damned tricky."

One investigator said the magnet-equipped bomb could have been attached to Bolles' car in seconds.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Newsman Shows Recovery Signs

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Republic reporter Don Bolles showed the first signs of recovering Friday from a bomb blast which tore off his right leg, as a key witness surrendered to police but refused to be questioned about the attack.

John Adamson, 32, turned himself in on a 1975 warrant for defrauding an innkeeper in suburban Scottsdale. He was released on \$100 bond.

Bolles, an investigative reporter who had written several stories about organized crime, was lured to a midtown hotel Wednesday by a caller using Adamson's name, police said. Bolles received a telephone call in the lobby, went to his car and started to drive out of a parking lot when the bomb exploded.

Before he went to the Clarendon House Hotel, Bolles left a note for fellow reporters at the State Capitol pressroom saying he was going to meet Adamson, who had offered information on Rep. Sam Steiger of Arizona. Steiger said he does not know why his name was used.

Adamson is former operator of a towing service, police said. Bolles identified a photograph of Adamson for detectives Thursday, police said.



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The bomb was placed beneath driver's seat in Bolles' car, possibly in the few minutes Bolles was in the hotel looking for Adamson, an investigator said.

Paramedics who aided Bolles said he told them he was working on a Mafia story and mentioned Adamson as well as Emprise Corp. Emprise, a Buffalo, N.Y., sports concessionaire once owned a half-interest in Arizona's six dog tracks and the Prescott Downs horse track.



AP phot

John H. Adamson, right, identified by police as a key to a car bombing that tore off leg of reporter Don Bolles, turns himself in. He was booked on other charges. With him, his attorney, Stephen H. Scott.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (174-NEW) (RUC)

UNSUB; DON FIFIELD BOLLES - VICTIM; EID, OO: PHOENIX.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TEL TO LOS ANGELES, JUNE 4, 1976;  
AND PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE 3, 1976.ON JUNE 4, 1976, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE  
CONTACTED AT LOS ANGELES IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE [redacted][redacted] BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) INVESTIGATOR,  
REPORTEDLY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: [redacted], CITY  
OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR'S OFFICE; [redacted], LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE; AND [redacted] BIA, LOS  
ANGELES. AS OF 4:15 PM, EFFORTS BY THESE INDIVIDUALS  
TO LOCATE [redacted] WERE NEGATIVE. IN ADDITION, THEY HAD  
NO INFO THAT [redacted] WAS OR HAD BEEN IN LOS ANGELES.SINCE ALL EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] HAVE BEEN  
EXHAUSTED AND [redacted] IS REPORTEDLY RETURNING TO  
ALBUQUERQUE ON JUNE 7, 1976, LOS ANGELES IS PLACING THIS  
CASE IN AN RUC STATUS.

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TO PHOENIX (174-559)

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FROM ALBUQUERQUE (174-811) (P)

UNSUB; DON FIFIELD BOLLES - VICTIM, EID.

RE LOS ANGELES NITEL TO ALBUQUERQUE, JUNE 4, 1976, ALBUQUERQUE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, JUNE 4, 1976, AND PHOENIX NITEL TO DIRECTOR, JUNE 3, 1976.

ON JUNE 7, 1976, [REDACTED], ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], BUREAU OF INDIAN

AFFAIRS (BIA) APPEARED AT THE ALBUQUERQUE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH CONGRESSMAN SAM STEIGER, ARIZONA, SINCE EARLY 1960. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS SEEN STEIGER APPROXIMATELY ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS WHEN [REDACTED] WOULD TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D. C. TO CONDUCT BIA BUSINESS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THESE MEETINGS WITH STEIGER WOULD LAST ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR AND THAT THE DISCUSSION WOULD EVOLVE AROUND FUNDING AND OTHER FINANCIAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

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ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE LAST TIME HE SAW AND SPOKE WITH STEIGER WAS THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER, 1975, IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WHEN STEIGER INQUIRED ABOUT THE DETAILS OF

[REDACTED] TRANSFER FROM HIS POSITION OF [REDACTED]

NAVAJO BIA ACTIVITIES ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], IN ALBUQUERQUE. [REDACTED] STATED THIS MEETING LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS

NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE IN STEIGER'S OFFICE IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND IS ONLY PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ONE OF STEIGER'S STAFF MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., NAMED [REDACTED]

WHO IS [REDACTED] TO STEIGER.

[REDACTED] STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE DID NOT CALL THE OFFICE OF STEIGER IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA OR IN WASHINGTON, D. C. ON JUNE 3, 1976.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT ON JUNE 1, 1976, THAT HE TRAVELED TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA VIA TWA AIRLINES, ARRIVING 7:20 P.M. AND STAYED AT THE RAMADA INN LOCATED AT PICA AND BEVERLY, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA UNTIL JUNE 4, 1976, WHEN HE DEPARTED LOS ANGELES VIA TWA AIRLINES AND ARRIVED IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AT 4:00 P.M.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, HE MET WITH [REDACTED], AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OWNS [REDACTED] AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT FIRM. [REDACTED] STATED THAT

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[REDACTED] IS GOING TO BE A [REDACTED] WITH THE NEWLY FORMED NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] OFFICE IS LOCATED AT [REDACTED] IN THE

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[REDACTED] IS GOING TO BE A [REDACTED] WITH THE NEWLY FORMED NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] OFFICE IS LOCATED AT [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS MET VICTIM, BOLLES, ONLY ONE TIME AND THAT WAS AT KTAR STUDIOS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. [REDACTED]

STATED THAT HE [REDACTED] WAS AT THE STUDIO STATION FILMING A DISCUSSION INVOLVING THE FINANCING PROBLEMS WITH CHINLE PUBLIC RECALLED THAT THIS WAS IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH, 1976. [REDACTED] STATED BOLLES DID NOT CALL HIM IN ADVANCE AND SIMPLY APPEARED AT THE STUDIO AND REQUESTED INTERVIEW WITH HIM. [REDACTED] STATED THAT BOLLES INQUIRED TO HIM CONCERNING A LABOR AGREEMENT THAT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NAVAJO TRIBE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE AFL-CIO ORGANIZING RIGHTS ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT BOLLES ASKED IF HE [REDACTED] HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO WHICH [REDACTED] STATED <sup>NEGATIVE.</sup> BOLLES ALSO STATED THAT HIS (BOLLES) INQUIRY WAS DIRECTED AT THIS LABOR AGREEMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THAT THERE MAY BE SOME ILLEGAL ACTIVITY INVOLVED, HOWEVER [REDACTED] STATED THAT BOLLES DID NOT FURNISH HIM

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WITH ANY SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS. [REDACTED] STATED HE ADVISED BOLLES THAT THE LABOR AGREEMENT WAS PUBLIC AND THAT HE SHOULD MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD. [REDACTED] STATED THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION LASTED APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AND THAT WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME HE HAD EVER TALKED TO BOLLES.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY TYPE OF CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOLLES AND WOULD TESTIFY THE ABOVE FACT BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IF NECESSARY.

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REQUEST FOR CORROBORATION OF [REDACTED] STORY CONCERNING LOS ANGELES VISIT BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF PHOENIX.

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ALBUQUERQUE WILL FURNISH PHOENIX FD-302 OF [REDACTED] INTERVIEW.  
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Bombing Suspect Hears Testimony

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — "John Adamson sent me ... John Adamson called me here," mumbled a bleeding and critically injured reporter after a bomb ripped through his car on June 2, a police detective testified Monday.

The testimony came at the opening of a preliminary hearing for John Harvey Adamson, 32, of Phoenix, who is charged with murdering Arizona Republic reporter Don Bolles. The hearing was expected to wind up Tuesday.

Adamson, handcuffed and wearing jeans and a sheriff's department T-shirt, sat emotionless throughout most of the day-long hearing.

Homicide detective George Klettinger, the initial witness, was one of the first officers to arrive at the Hotel Clarendon parking lot after the bomb went off under Bolles' car. Bolles died 11 days later.

Bolles had told colleagues he was going to the hotel to meet Adamson and to discuss information allegedly linking political figures to a dubious land deal. That meeting never took place and, as Bolles was backing out of the hotel parking lot, the bomb blew through the bottom of his small car. Police said the bomb, believed to have been dynamite, was triggered by radio control.

Also called to testify was Gail Owens of Phoenix, who said she accompanied Adamson to San Diego on April 20, where police allege he purchased a remote control mechanism similar to the one used to touch off the bomb in Bolles' car.

The hearing, held under extremely tight security before Justice of the Peace Martin Reno, was shifted to a larger court room to accommodate spectators and reporters.

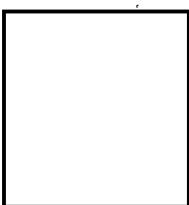
The defense had sought unsuccessfully to have the hearing closed to the public.

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# Witness Links Suspect to Bomb Slaying of Newman

PHOENIX—The prime suspect in the car bomb murder of reporter Don Bolles said he received \$10,000 to plant the bomb and expressed surprise it didn't kill Bolles outright, a preliminary hearing was told Monday.

"That was a hell of a charge under that car," John Adamson was quoted as saying. "I can't understand how the man lived. If I ever get (blow up) another foreign car, I'm going to make damn sure it's not a Datsun."

Adamson was bound over for trial on a murder charge after the testimony by Robert Lettieri, a business partner, and other witnesses at a hearing that lasted until almost midnight.

Bolles, a prize-winning investigative reporter for the Arizona Republic, died 11 days after a bomb blasted his auto. Surgeons amputated both legs and an arm in the attempt to save him.

Bolles told paramedics at the scene that he was working on a story about the Mafia and "they got me" and "Adamson set me up."

Lettieri, a partner of Adamson in a greyhound racing enterprise, has two felony convictions on his record and was promised immunity from prosecution for his testimony.

He said he saw dynamite in Adamson's storeroom six months ago. On May 28, Lettieri testified, Adamson told him he was going "to blow up a car."

Lettieri said he and Adamson went to the newspaper's parking lot, looking for Bolles' Datsun, but Adamson said, "I couldn't do anything here anyway."

It was only then, Lettieri said, that he asked, "You mean there's going to be someone in the car when you blow it up?"

He said Adamson replied: "That's right" and told him "some people don't like this guy," Bolles.

They drove to a Datsun dealer where Adamson checked over the same model Bolles owned, Lettieri said.

Lettieri said he took Adamson's claims "with a grain of salt."

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Five days later, the bomb exploded when Bolles returned to his car. He had told colleagues he was supposed to meet Adamson.

Lettiere said Adamson appeared at his house the next day seeking shelter and allegedly asked: "You didn't believe me, did you? . . . Now you know. When I say I'm going to do something I'm going to do it."

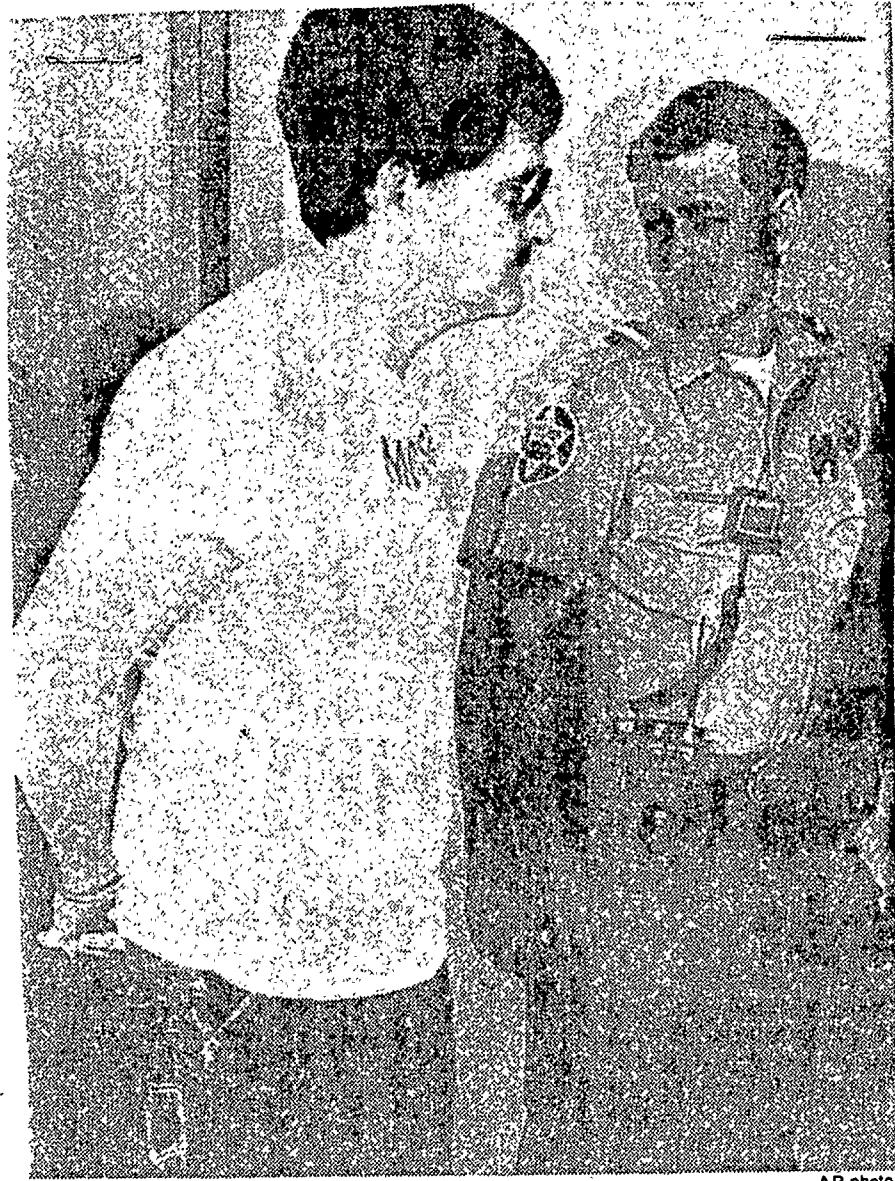
He quoted Adamson as saying "my people" would "be behind me and would take care of court costs." Adamson said he got \$10,000 and had been promised \$25,000 for any future "job," said Lettiere.

Gail Owens, 30, identified as a girlfriend, testified she accompanied Adamson to San Diego April 20, and they went to a hobby shop where Adamson bought a radio control device for operating a model plane.

Police have said the bomb under Bolles' car was detonated by a signal from such a device.



**WITNESS**—Gail Owens leaving Phoenix court after testifying that she accompanied suspect when he bought a radio device.



AP photo

Sheriff's deputies flank John Adamson as he is led to court for a preliminary hearing in the car-bombing death of reporter Don Bolles.

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# Slain Arizona newsman

## latest crime-plague victim

By ROBERT LINDSEY  
New York Times Service

PHOENIX — Under the gaze of a sweltering desert sun, a hybrid breed of organized crime — including Mafia-style emigres from elsewhere and a homegrown species of seemingly respectable business and professional men — is blossoming in Arizona, the nation's fastest-growing state.

Largely through vast fraudulent land deals, securities frauds and other, often related, "white collar crimes," criminal groups are turning over many millions of dollars a year in illicit profits, bringing gangland-style violence to this fast-urban-

ized crime," said Kevin O'Malley, a lawyer for the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force.

But he and other law enforcement officials emphasize that "organized crime" does not necessarily mean Eastern-style Mafia mobsters.

In his few moments of consciousness after the bombing, Bolles whispered the words "Mafia" and "Emprise." The latter is a sports conglomerate with headquarters in Buffalo, N.Y., that has sometimes been accused of links to organized crime.

Lt. Glenn Sparks of the intelligence division of the Phoenix Police Department said

there "are about 50 or more known associates" of Mafia gangsters living in the Phoenix area and that many had acquired holdings here in restaurants, bars, hotels and other businesses.

Police say they are not working on the theory that the killing was necessarily linked to old-fashioned organized crime. They say they are investigating the possible participation of prominent local business and professional men who, they say, have deep involvement in land and securities fraud, and who may have alliances with conventional organized crime figures.

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izing frontier state and provoking unresolved charges of official corruption.

On June 2, Don Bolles, 47, a reporter for the Arizona Republic who had written about land-fraud schemes and criminal entry into legitimate businesses, was fatally injured by a remote-control bomb that blew apart his car and left him without legs and with only one arm. Bolles died Sunday morning in a Phoenix hospital.

The motives for the murder are still not clear. But police here have said that their investigation has involved "prominent, influential people."

The bombing was the third gangland-style murder in the past 15 months. The others involved a key witness in a land-fraud prosecution, who was murdered on the eve of his appearance before a grand jury, and a mafioso.

For the hundreds of thousands of people who have flocked to this warm climate from the cold, decaying cities of the urban North, the incidents have provided brutal evidence that urban crime has followed them into the so-called "Sunbelt," the fast-developing Southern tier of the country.

"There's a great deal of money in Arizona, and when you have a great deal of money, you have a fertile field for organ-

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Police say they have sought for at least three years to prosecute what they say is widespread selling of worthless Arizona property in this country and abroad, and worthless mortgages and securities that they say are a source of many tens of millions of dollars in illegal profits annually. But they say they have been frustrated by official resistance at higher levels.

Police made available to the New York Times a transcript of a secretly recorded conversation in which a senior prosecutorial official of Maricopa County answers police complaints of why the office had not been more aggressive in pursuing the land-fraud cases.

He says on the recording that he has not been able to prosecute cases because of what he called a power "coalition" of interests that blocked such prosecutions and kept his staff too small to be effective.

On the purported tape-recording transcript, this official cited a well-known businessman and Republican Party leader here who, he said, headed the "coalition" and who himself appeared to have become involved recently in local prostitution.

"You can't get work done," the voice of the man described as the county official said. "Cases get thrown out of court, and you don't understand why. And the reason is very simple." He then said, in an explanation sprinkled with profanity, that "the lid is on ... all the way from the very top."

This official subsequently conceded that he had had a sexual affair with a secretary employed by two land companies that he was supposedly investigating, and police here assert he was being blackmailed by the companies as a result of the affair.

Other officials here say that they have met puzzling resistance in the legislature to proposals designed to reduce the abuses related to the sale of remote, underdeveloped properties on a sight-unseen basis.

Nevertheless, partly because of an avalanche of complaints from the residents and public officials of other states about land fraud here, the legislature created a statewide grand jury that will convene for the first time today.

Land fraud takes several forms. It generally starts with high-pressure sales campaigns in the colder, northern states of this country and in foreign countries — Germany, Lichtenstein, Japan, the Philippine Islands and other places — offering an acre of Arizona desert for \$2,000 to \$3,000 or so.

Usually the parcels are grossly misrepresented in attractive sales brochures promising idyllic lakes, roads and plentiful water that seldom exists.

Then, a circuitous "paper trail" begins. Mortgages signed by these buyers are sold to other members of the public at attractive rates. However, the buyers often default on their payments when they realize the purchase was a mistake, leaving the mortgage-buyers holding the bag.

Often the promoters use the buyers' promissory notes as collateral to get inflated loans at banks, sometimes using conspirators inside financial institutions, or they create a

maze of corporate shells that repeatedly sell the land at progressively higher prices.

**WITH FALSELY INFLATED values, they then obtain bank loans or sell the mortgages at many times their actual worth.**

In Arizona, sales exploded in the late 60s and early 70s, and Phoenix police zeroed in on Nathan Waxman, a former convict who moved here in the early 1960s and changed his name to Ned Warren.

He began mixing with some of the top members of the Phoenix social and political set and was soon known to be the controlling force behind at least a dozen companies, including the Great Southwest Land and Cattle Co., the Queen Creek Land and Cattle Corp. and Consolidated Mortgage Co.

Police repeatedly tried to prosecute Warren and his associates, but to its frustration its case against him never came to trial, partly because of the murder of Warren's chief aide, Edward Lazar, on the day before he was scheduled to testify before a county grand jury about activities of the land corporations.

**SUBSEQUENTLY**, however, O'Malley and other federal prosecutors moved into the case, and last fall, Warren and his son-in-law were convicted of extortion not directly related to the land fraud charges. They were sentenced to 12 years in federal jail. However, they appealed and are on bail.

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Bolles, the reporter, had written repeatedly about Warren's activities and served to prod the police action. He revealed among other things how the son of the then real estate commissioner, J. Fred Talley, was in Warren's employ and suggested that Talley was taking bribes. Talley died of an apparent heart attack while under investigation.

Gary Nelson, who was Arizona attorney general from 1968 to 1974, and who is now a state appellate court judge, is currently the subject of a federal grand jury investigation concerning alleged income tax evasion that some authorities say may or may not be related to the land business.

**THE NAME** of Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., has twice cropped up in the current investigation.

Friends said that on the day Bolles was attacked, he had been on his way to a meeting with John Adamson, an informant who said he had information about a land transaction involving Goldwater, Rep. Sam Steiger, a Republican who is now running for the seat of Sen. Paul J. Fannin, and Harry Rosensweig, a jeweler and Republican leader here.

Adamson, 32, an owner of greyhound racing dogs, has become a key figure in the investigation. Police sources said that the possible use of the three political leaders' names to draw Bolles to a meeting did not in itself mean anything, because, as one detective said, "What better way would there be to get a reporter to go someplace you wanted him to than to say some big names in government are involved in a crooked deal?"

**SUBSEQUENTLY**, the Arizona Republic published copies of letters written in 1971 by Goldwater and Steiger on their official stationery endorsing one of Warren's projects, called Chino Valley Ranchettes, that was offered to American servicemen abroad under terms that violated Arizona law.

The Phoenix Police Department said it had evidence that the actual wording of the letter had been drafted by Lazar.

The letters were used in sales promotion of the land, which police later found to be without water and with rock conditions that made installation of functioning septic tanks impossible.

Spokesmen for Goldwater and Steiger have denied participation in any land deals and said that

the 1971 letters apparently represented a normal response to a request from a constituent. Rosensweig has also denied participation in any questionable land arrangements.

Authorities say they believe relatively small numbers of Mafia gangsters have expanded their base in Arizona in recent years and in some cases appear to be competing with indigenous criminal elements.

**BUT THEY** say it is not clear at this point to what extent, if any, they have allied themselves with the local "white collar" businessmen suspected in the Bolles attack.

Two well-known Mafia leaders, both in their 70s, have lived in Tucson, 125 miles south of here, for more than 20 years. They are Joseph Bonnano-Sr., a one-time prominent New York City Mafioso, and Peter Licavoli-Sr.

Although both are said to be retired, Licavoli was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last month and accused of attempting to sell a 15th century painting that had been stolen in Cincinnati to a FBI undercover agent.

Last October, another mafioso, Louis Bombaci no, who had turned government informer, had been given a new life here and then entered the local underworld, got in his 10-day-old, 1976 Lincoln and started to back it up. The car exploded and killed him.

**THE MURDER** is still unsolved, and authorities say it is uncertain whether he was a victim of Mafia retaliation for having turned informant or as a result of his gambling and other activities here.

Arizona's land business is huge, with some 7,500 subdivisions now for sale in Arizona.

Phoenix Police Sgt. Lonzo McCracken, who broke the original case against Warren, asserts candidly, "I'm disgusted. As far as I'm concerned, the whole system of regulating these developments is corrupt. You've got corruption all over the place."

Citing an estimate that Arizona land fraud had already cost the public about \$500 million in the last decade, Dr. James Johnson, an associate professor of Arizona State University, who has made

University, who has made an extensive study of organized crime activities here, said, "Land fraud is a huge industry, and organized crime is deeply involved."

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**BUT, HE** continued, "organized crime" involved not only the classical mobster, but also lawyers, bank officers and business-suited promoters who in some cases appear to have formed alliances with the mobsters.

Federal, state and local investigators are pursuing the case of Bolles, and many of the names that have surfaced in the investigation are those of lawyers or businessmen who have been active in the land business.

In several cases, they are people who have been linked to Adamson and Warren, who are themselves associates.

Some police intelligence sources say they believe they have evidence that the attraction of a fast-growing population has created a battleground between old-line crooked businessmen and the out-of-state newcomers.

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TO: DIRECTOR

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LOS ANGELES

PHOENIX

FROM: MEMPHIS (174-NEW) (RUC)

UNSUB; JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON; NEAL TAYLOR ROBERTS; DON FIFIELD  
BOLLES - VICTIM (DECEASED); EID. 00 PX.

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] LOCATED THIS DATE ROOM 107, QUALITY  
INN PARKWAY, NASHVILLE, TENN., AND INTERVIEWED. SHE IS

DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE FORMERLY  
RESIDED [REDACTED], APPROXIMATELY TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO  
AND HAD LIVED THERE APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS; HOWEVER, SHE HAD  
NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHO KILLED VICTIM OR ANY OTHER PERSONS AS  
ALLEGED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. SHE STATED SHE WAS FORMERLY  
ENGAGED TWO YEARS AGO TO A [REDACTED]. SHE  
BELIEVED [REDACTED] TO BE A MAFIA FIGURE BUT DID NOT KNOW ANY  
PARTICULARS ABOUT HIM. SHE ALSO BELIEVED [REDACTED] TO HAVE LEFT

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THE COUNTRY APPROXIMATELY JULY, 1973, AND HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

SHE STATED LAST EVENING SHE MET A MAN FROM PHOENIX IN A BAR AND THEY TALKED ABOUT THE KILLING OF BOLLES WHICH HAD APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS. THEY SPECULATED THE MAFIA MUST HAVE "BUMPED HIM OFF." SHE ASKED IF THIS PERSON KNEW [REDACTED] AND DID NOT OBTAIN ANY INFO ABOUT [REDACTED]. SHE HAS NO INFO AT ALL TO PROVIDE ABOUT ANY MURDERS OR THE DEATH OF VICTIM BOLLES.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF [REDACTED]  
AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM [REDACTED]. SHE IS CURRENTLY APARTMENT HUNTING. SHE ADVISED HER LAST ADDRESS IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED]. SHE MOVED FROM THAT RESIDENCE AND PLACED HER FURNITURE IN STORAGE. SHE LIVED PREVIOUSLY WITH ANOTHER [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], AND HAS RECENTLY SPENT A FEW WEEKS WITH HER PARENTS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

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THE ONLY INFO [REDACTED] COULD PROVIDE CONCERNING BOLLES WAS THAT SHE HAD MET HIM ON ONE OCCASION AT A POLITICAL FUNCTION

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AT [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED], OVER TWO YEARS AGO  
WHEN SHE RESIDED THERE. SHE BELIEVED THAT HER ADDRESS IN  
[REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] WAS ACCCOMPANIED  
IN THE MOTEL ROOM BY A MALE WHO WAS INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY.

[REDACTED], VERIFIED HE SPENT  
PREVIOUS EVENING WITH [REDACTED] IN MOTEL.

[REDACTED] PROVIDED [REDACTED] DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
WHICH SHOWED DOB [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] MET [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS PREVIOUS AT LOCAL  
RESTAURANT WHEN [REDACTED] ASKED HIM TO JOIN HER AT TABLE.

[REDACTED] KNOWS VERY LITTLE OF [REDACTED] BACKGROUND OTHER THAN  
SHE IS [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] AND IS [REDACTED].

HE CLAIMED SHE RECENTLY SPENT THREE WEEKS AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR CURE OF [REDACTED]  
SPENT APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS WITH HER PARENTS IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
CONTACT WITH SHERIFF HUGH DAVIS, CLAY COUNTY SO, CELINA,

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TENN., VERIFIED [ ] IS RESIDENT OF [ ] AND CURRENTLY  
UNEMPLOYED. [ ] ACCOMPANIED BY [ ] FITTING DESCRIPTION  
OF [ ] SEEN BY SHERIFF IN [ ] APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS  
PREVIOUS.

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LOS ANGELES AND KNOXVILLE DISREGARD LEADS SET OUT IN  
REFERENCED MEMPHIS TELETYPE UNLESS ADVISED TO THE  
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TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

SAN DIEGO

FROM PHOENIX (174-559) (P)

ATTN: INTD.

CHANGED (IO); UNSUB; JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON, AKA JOSEPH HARVEY  
ADAMSON; NEAL TAYLOR ROBERTS; DON FIFIELD BOLLES - VICTIM  
(DECEASED); EID. OO: PHOENIX.

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT ADAMSON AND ROBERTS AS SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER.

RE PHOENIX TELS TO BUREAU, JUNE 7, 1976, AND JUNE 13, 1976.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INFO DEVELOPED TO DATE BY PHOENIX PD, WITH ASSISTANCE OF FBI UPON REQUEST BY PHOENIX PD, RE CAPTIONED MATTER:

INITIAL INVESTIGATION BY PHOENIX PD DETERMINED ON MORNING OF JUNE 2, 1976, DON FIFIELD BOLLES (VICTIM), AGED 47, A REPORTER FOR "THE PHOENIX REPUBLIC," A DAILY PHOENIX NEWSPAPER, DROVE FROM PRESS OFFICE AT THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING TO CLARENDON HOUSE HOTEL, 401 WEST CLARENDON, PHOENIX, TO MEET JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON, WHITE MALE, DOB DECEMBER 8, 1943.

BOLLES, WHO HAD MET ADAMSON ONCE BEFORE, ANTICIPATED OBTAIN-

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ING FROM ADAMSON INFO RE U. S. CONGRESSMAN SAM STEIGER.

FIVE MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL AT CLARENDON HOUSE HOTEL, APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M., VICTIM RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT LOBBY DESK FROM ADAMSON WHO INSTRUCTED BOLLES TO DRIVE BACK TO "THE PHOENIX GAZETTE" PRESS OFFICE FOR THEIR SCHEDULED MEETING. VICTIM DEPARTED HOTEL AND WHILE BACKING VEHICLE FROM PARKING STALL VIOLENT EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHICH ORIGINATED UNDER FLOOR BOARDS OF VICTIM'S VEHICLE. VICTIM CRITICALLY INJURED BUT WHILE STILL CONSCIOUS TOLD PASSERSBY AT SCENE VARIOUSLY THAT "ADAMSON" AND "EMPRISE" WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBING. IN PAST BOLLES HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY RE LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME MATTERS.

VICTIM BRIEFLY INTERVIEWED JUNE 2, 1976, AT PHOENIX HOSPITAL AND ANSWERED LIMITED QUESTIONS BY PHOENIX PD, CONFIRMING PURPOSE OF PRESENCE AT CLARENDON HOTEL PRIOR TO BOMB EXPLOSION. VICTIM UNABLE TO TALK DURING THIS INTERVIEW DUE TO TUBES INSERTED IN THROAT AND RESPONDED TO INTERVIEW OFFICERS BY SHAKING HEAD TO YES AND NO QUESTIONS.

DOCTORS IMMEDIATELY AMPUTATED ONE OF VICTIM'S LEGS AND IN

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DAYS THAT FOLLOWED SPREADING INFECTION NECESSITATED AMPUTATION OF OTHER LEG AND RIGHT ARM. BOLLES DIED FROM BOMB BLAST INJURIES  
11:00 A.M., JUNE 13, 1976.

EXPLOSIVE DEVICE BEING ANALYZED BY PHOENIX PD BOMB AND ARSON SQUAD WHICH CONDUCTED CRIME SCENE SEARCH AND WHICH HAS TENTATIVELY DETERMINED DEVICE TO BE DYNAMITE DETONATED BY RADIO CONTROL TRANSMITTER. ACTING ON INFO DEVELOPED BY PHOENIX PD, POLICE OFFICERS AND SA'S OF FBI, SAN DIEGO, INTERVIEWED OWNER AND EMPLOYEES OF WEST COAST HOBBIES AND GAMES, 4690 CONVOY STREET, SAN DIEGO, AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED JOHN ADAMSON AND [REDACTED], AS INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASED RADIO CONTROL TRANSMITTER ABOUT MAY 22, 1976, FROM THIS FIRM AND HAVE RECOVERED MOTEL RECORDS, KING'S INN, SAN DIEGO, SHOWING ADAMSON [REDACTED] RESIDING THIS LOCATION FIVE DAYS, COMMENCING MAY 21, 1976.

[REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED STATEMENTS TO PHOENIX PD CORROBORATING THIS INFO BUT DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF CONSPIRACY TO DETONATE BOMB OR ACTUAL PURPOSE OF ADAMSON'S PURCHASE IN SAN DIEGO. INVESTIGATION BY PHOENIX PD AND FBI, SAN DIEGO, CONTINUES TO ESTABLISH

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MAKE AND MODEL OF TRANSMITTER IN QUESTION.

PHOENIX PD INVESTIGATION FURTHER DISCLOSED ADAMSON FLOWN BY CHARTERED AIRPLANE FROM PHOENIX TO RODEWAY INN, LAKE HAVASU, ARIZONA, EVENING OF JUNE 2, 1976, WHERE HE REMAINED IN SECLUSION UNTIL HIS APPEARANCE AT PHOENIX POLICE HEADQUARTERS MORNING OF JUNE 4, 1976. CHARTERED PLANE HIRED BY NEAL ROBERTS, PHOENIX LAWYER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ROBERTS HAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEING IN COMPANY OF ADAMSON 15 TO 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO BOMB DETONATION.

INQUIRY AT RODEWAY INN, LAKE HAVASU, BY FBI DISCLOSED MANAGER THIS MOTEL RECALLS RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN 9:00 AND 10:00 A.M., JUNE 2, 1976, (PRIOR TO BOMB DETONATION) FROM ROBERTS WHO REQUESTED [REDACTED] PERSONAL SUITE AT RODEWAY BE RESERVED FOR INDIVIDUAL TO ARRIVE LATE EVENING JUNE 2, 1976, WHO WOULD USE ALIAS OF [REDACTED]. SEVERAL HOURS AFTER INITIAL INTERVIEW BY FBI, RODEWAY INN MANAGER RETRACTED EARLIER STATEMENTS BY TELLING INTERVIEWING SA'S HE WAS MISTAKEN RE TIME OF CALL FROM ROBERTS, THAT CALL WAS RECEIVED LATE EVENING JUNE 2, 1976 (SEVERAL HOURS AFTER BOMB DETONATION).

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TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED RE TIME OF CALL AND HAVE FURNISHED CONFLICTING TESTIMONY. [REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED TO INTERVIEWING SA'S HE MET ADAMSON WHO ARRIVED LAKE HAVASU ON CHARTERED PLANE EVENING OF JUNE 2, 1976, AT REQUEST OF ROBERTS AND WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF ADAMSON'S ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN CAPTIONED BOMBING.

INFORMANT INFO DEVELOPED BY FBI, PHOENIX, INDICATES

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TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO INFO DEVELOPED BY PHOENIX PD RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF [REDACTED] WHO IS KNOWN PHOENIX HOODLUM.

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INFORMANT INFO DEVELOPED FBI, PHOENIX, AND PHOENIX PD INDICATES, IN SUBSTANCE, KEMPER MARLEY, WHITE MALE, DOB SEPTEMBER 8, 1906, RESIDING PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RECENTLY REMOVED FROM APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF ARIZONA STATE RACING COMMISSION THROUGH EFFORTS OF VICTIM; THAT SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS BY ARIZONA

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GOVERNOR TO APPOINT MARLEY TO ANOTHER IMPORTANT APPOINTIVE POSITION WAS BLOCKED BY VICTIM, AND FURTHER THAT MARLEY AND [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS DEALINGS.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], ONE MAX DUNLAP, A PHOENIX CONTRACTOR, IS DEEPLY INDEBTED FINANCIALLY TO MARLEY AND REPORTEDLY TOLD [REDACTED] HE (DUNLAP) SIGNED \$25,000 PROMISSORY NOTE JUNE 3, 1976, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MARLEY, FOR ADAMSON'S DEFENSE.

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MARLEY IS OWNER OF ARIZONA LIQUOR DISTRIBUTORS, PHOENIX, AND BELIEVED TO BE LARGE BEHIND-THE-SCENES FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO LOCAL POLITICIANS. DUNLAP BELIEVED TO BE MAX A. DUNLAP, WHITE MALE, RESIDING 945 EAST BETHANY HOME ROAD, PHOENIX.

ON JUNE 13, 1976, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DEATH OF VICTIM, ADAMSON ARRESTED BY PHOENIX PD FOR HOMICIDE AND BOOKED MARICOPA COUNTY JAIL, PHOENIX, WITHOUT BAIL.

MARICOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY SCHEDULED TO CONVENE JUNE 17, 1976, RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON JUNE 14, 1976, PHOENIX PD ADVISED THEIR OFFICE CONTACTED BY LAWYER REPRESENTING NEAL ROBERTS WHO INDICATED DESIRE TO MEET WITH POLICE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS ROBERTS' INVOLVEMENT.

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MOTIVE FOR BOMBING NOT ESTABLISHED BUT CONSIDERATION BEING  
FOCUSED ON VICTIM'S POLITICAL ENCOUNTERS WITH KEMPER MARLEY.

INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] AS REPORTED RETEL JUNE 7, 1976,  
HAS BEEN FURNISHED IN SUITABLE FORM TO PHOENIX PD FOR THEIR  
EVALUATION.

FOR FURTHER INFO BUREAU, ON JUNE 11, 1976, [REDACTED]  
VOLUNTEERED ADDITIONAL INFO RE [REDACTED]

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DISCREET INQUIRIES BEING INITIATED BY FBI AND PHOENIX PD TO  
DETERMINE EXTENT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KEMPER MARLEY, ET AL.

FEDERAL STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY KEVIN O'MALLEY, LOS ANGELES,  
FULLY BRIEFED ALL INFO DEVELOPED AND WILL BE UPDATED AS  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. ATTORNEY O'MALLEY OF OPINION VIOLATION  
FEDERAL STATUTES WITHIN INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION FBI NOT

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INDICATED AT THIS TIME BUT DESIRES TO FOLLOW FOR PROSECUTIVE  
CONSIDERATION SHOULD LATER INVESTIGATION INDICATE POSSIBLE HIGH-  
LEVEL POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

AUSA W. RONALD JENNINGS, USA'S OFFICE, PHOENIX, AWARE OF  
DETAILS OF PHOENIX PD INVESTIGATION AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST  
IN PROSECUTION VARIOUS STATUTES WITHIN INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION  
OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS PERTAINING TO POSSESSION,  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION AND DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE,  
PENDING COMPLETION PHOENIX PD HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION.

ABOVE FOR INFO SAN DIEGO IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL  
LEADS.

IN VIEW VOLATILE NATURE OF INFO RE [REDACTED],  
BUREAU SHOULD INSURE NO DISSEMINATION MADE OF THIS INFO OUTSIDE  
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TO DIRECTOR

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MEMPHIS

FROM PHOENIX (174-559) (P)

ATTN: INTD.

UNSUB; JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON, AKA JOSEPH HARVEY ADAMSON;

NEAL TAYLOR ROBERTS; DON FIFIELD BOLLES - VICTIM (DECEASED); EID.

OO: PHOENIX.

RE MEMPHIS TEL CALL TO PHOENIX, JUNE 28, 1976, AND PHOENIX  
TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE 14, 1976.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, ON JUNE 28, 1976,  
MEMPHIS DIVISION RECEIVED TEL CALL FROM [REDACTED] (PH) AT

[REDACTED], WHO REPORTED THAT ONE [REDACTED] (PH)  
RECENTLY MADE STATEMENTS TO EFFECT SHE "...HAS FRIENDS WHO SAID  
THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF A NEWSMAN...AND THEY DID."

[REDACTED] DRIVING VEHICLE WITH LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, REGISTRATION  
BUT BELIEVED RESIDING TEMPORARILY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
AND AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE.

DETAILS OF THIS INFO WILL BE SET FORTH IN TELETYPE BEING  
PREPARED BY MEMPHIS JUNE 28, 1976.

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IS FURTHER REQUESTED [REDACTED] BE FULLY IDENTIFIED.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED SUTEL RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS JUNE 29, 1976,  
FOLLOWED BY FD-302'S.

ABOVE FOR INFO KNOXVILLE AND LOS ANGELES.

COPY OF RETEL ALSO FOR MEMPHIS

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1:40PM URGENT JUNE 28 1976 KJW

TO: DIRECTOR  
KNOXVILLE  
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PHOENIX

FROM: MEMPHIS (174-NEW) (P)

UNSUB: JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON; NEAL TAYLOR ROBERTS; DON FIFIELD  
BOLLES - VICTIM (DECEASED); EID. 00 PX

ON EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 28, 1976, [REDACTED]

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED], A GUEST AT HIS MOTEL, WHILE PARTIALLY INTOXICATED, HAD INDICATED SHE HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEATH OF VICTIM BOLLES. SHE SAID SHE WAS GLAD SHE HAD LEFT PHOENIX AS SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE NEXT VICTIM. IT APPEARS FROM HER CONVERSATION THAT SHE HAS FLED PHOENIX FOR SOME REASON AND DOES NOT WANT HER WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO PERSONS IN PHOENIX.

[REDACTED] IS DRIVING A MERCEDES BENZ WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE BRT REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HER MOTEL REGISTRATION SHOWS AN ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]; HOWEVER, SHE INDICATES

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SHE HAS MOST RECENTLY RESIDED AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS A WHITE FEMALE, EARLY THIRTIES,  
VERY ATTRACTIVE, WEARING SEVERAL DI

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MOND RINGS. SHE CHECKED  
IN WITH A GOLD AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD AND CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN  
EMPLOYED FOR 14 YEARS BY AMERICAN AIRLINES. SHE IS TRAVELING  
WITH AN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, DESCRIBED AS EARLY THIRTIES,  
TALL, SLENDER, WITH DARK CURLY HAIR. HE OCCUPIES SAME ROOM  
BUT IS NOT REGISTERED. SHE HAS STATED HE IS HER COUSIN.

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[REDACTED] STATES UNKNOWN MALE ACTS MORE AS A KEEPER THAN AS A  
SWEETHEART.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, VICTIM BOLLES WAS A NEWSPAPER  
REPORTER RECENTLY MURDERED AT PHOENIX BY HAVING A BOMB EXPLODE  
IN HIS CAR. FBI IS ASSISTING PHOENIX PD IN COVERING OUT OF  
STATE LEADS.

KNOXVILLE WILL DISCREETLY DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] KNOWN TO  
RESIDE [REDACTED] AND DEVELOP ANY  
AVAILABLE BACKGROUND.

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LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO

[REDACTED] AND SOURCE OF HER INCOME.

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MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, TENN., WILL INTERVIEW [redacted]

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# Calls by Suspect in Bomb Slaying Probed by Police

BY BILL HAZLETT  
Times Staff Writer

A series of telephone calls from San Diego to Phoenix placed by John Harvey Adamson, suspected bomb slayer of Arizona newspaper reporter Don Bolles, is being investigated by Phoenix homicide detectives.

The calls were made between April 20 and 28 while Adamson was staying at the King's Inn in San Diego with Mrs. Gail Owens, 30-year-old divorcee identified as the murder suspect's girlfriend.

During Adamson's preliminary hearing in Phoenix, Mrs. Owens testified she accompanied Adamson to a San Diego hobby shop where he bought a radio control device for operating model airplanes.

Phoenix crime laboratory technicians said such a device—known as an "E-K logictrol"—was used to detonate the June 2 blast that maimed Bolles, costing him both legs and his right arm, before he died 11 days later.

The 47-year-old reporter whispered Adamson's name to passersby and paramedics in his last few minutes of consciousness after the blast, police said.

Adamson, 32, was bound over for trial on a murder charge after the preliminary hearing and ordered held without bail pending arraignment Friday in Superior Court.

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However, a hearing is scheduled Friday on a defense request that bail be set for Adamson.

Adamson's court-appointed attorneys filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, maintaining that their client was not charged with first-degree murder but on an open charge of murder for which bail cannot be denied.

Meanwhile, the detectives, headed by Capt. Don Lozier, are checking out the telephone numbers—most of them unlisted—Adamson called more than a dozen times from his San Diego motel.

Lozier refused to discuss the telephone numbers or their significance

in the Bolles bombing probe.

The Times learned, however, that among those called in Phoenix were attorneys Neal Roberts and Mickey E. Clifton.

Other calls were made to a medical supply firm where Adamson's wife works, to two of Adamson's personal friends, one to a personal friend of Mrs. Owens, and at least two to the Ivanhoe Cocktail Lounge in North Phoenix.

Clifton represented Adamson June 14 on a 1975 misdemeanor charge of defrauding an innkeeper in connection with an unpaid \$61.44 hotel bill.

Roberts, the other attorney, told Phoenix detectives he was with Adamson on June 2, less than 30 minutes before the powerful dynamite bomb exploded beneath Bolles' car as he backed out of a parking lot.

The attorney said he met Adamson at the Ivanhoe Cocktail Lounge about 10 a.m. on the morning Bolles was ambushed.

During a June 8 interview, Roberts told police he was with Adamson and Henry J. (Hank) Landry, 42, a New York ex-convict and professional gambler also identified as a key figure in the bombing inquiry, until about 20 minutes before the bomb exploded at 11:24 a.m.

"We left my office a few minutes after 11," Roberts told police, "I took Hank with me to the airport and John (Adamson) left."

Roberts' law office is about a five-minute drive from the Clarendon House Hotel where the bombing occurred, police said.

Detectives said Roberts told them he could provide an alibi for Landry at the time of the bombing, because the two men were together from about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. that day.

Although the exact motive for the Bolles murder has not been revealed, Lozier earlier said his detectives have uncovered several possible explanations involving "a number of politically prominent and influential people" with important connections throughout Arizona.

Lozier said his detectives believe they have identified most of the key conspirators in the Bolles murder and have talked to several of them.

"We have a number of reasons for not making more arrests at this time," Lozier said, but he declined to elaborate.

Phoenix detectives are prohibited from discussing the bombing inquiry because of a news blackout imposed on the case by the Maricopa County prosecutor's office.

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## Reporter Undergoes Third Amputation

**PHOENIX (UPI) —** Surgeons Thursday amputated the left leg of investigative reporter Don Bolles, who earlier lost his right leg and arm to a bomb planted in his car while he was working on a story about organized crime.

Bolles, 47, was reported in grave condition today at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Doctors feared for his life after amputating his right arm Tuesday, saying there was doubt he could survive the night, but he rallied and his vital signs were listed as stable today.

Bolles, of the Arizona Republic, was asked to meet a tipster at the Hotel Marendon June 2. The tipster did not show up and when Bolles returned to his auto, a bomb planted under the car body beneath the driver's seat exploded, hurling him through the door. His shattered right leg was amputated immediately and his right arm was amputated when he developed an infection.

There was "no alternative" but to amputate the left leg too, surgeons said Thursday, to halt the spread of the infection.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (174-559)

DATE: 9/16/76

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (174-2873) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON, aka  
Joseph Harvey Adamson;  
NEAL TAYLOR ROBERTS;  
DON FIFIELD BOLLES-  
VICTIM (Deceased);  
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A review of the captioned matter in the Los Angeles Division indicates that there are no outstanding leads; therefore, this case is being considered RUC.

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1 TO : SAC, DENVER  
 2 FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (174A-559) (P)  
 3 SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
     JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON;  
     ET AL;  
     DON F. BOLLES - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
     EID  
     OO: PHOENIX  
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7 For the information of receiving offices, the Arizona  
 8 State Attorney General's Office has been conducting an ongoing  
 9 investigation into the bombing death of captioned victim that  
 occurred in 1976. The Phoenix Division has been in constant  
 contact with the Arizona Attorney General's Office and has been  
 assisting in this investigation.

10 One avenue of this investigation consists of  
 11 substantiating claims made by individuals who state they have  
 knowledge of the BOLLES murder.

12 One claim that has been mentioned was that the residence  
 13 of one CLARENCE SMALDONE, a possible organized crime associate,  
 was bombed on January 10, 1974, in Lakewood, Colorado, in  
 14 addition, the wife of CLARENCE SMALDONE, PAULINE SMALDONE, was  
 15 the victim of shots that were fired at her in July, 1973. The  
 16 individual making the claim to the Attorney General's Office  
 states that the FBI took over the investigation from the  
 17 Lakewood, Colorado, Police Department, and was investigated by  
 Special Agents (SAs) (first name unknown) [ ] and (FNU) [ ].  
 In addition, this matter was investigated by ATF.

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18 Another claim that was made to the Attorney General's

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Office was that one [redacted], also known as [redacted] provided information to the FBI, Los Angeles Police Department and the Postal Inspectors, in 1979 concerning the armed robbery of postal trucks. The suspects involved in these armed robberies were [redacted]  
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Another individual involved was one [redacted] also known as [redacted], who is possibly currently incarcerated at the federal penitentiary at Terminal Island, California.

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Another individual involved in these armed robberies is one [redacted] a partner of [redacted] who is possibly incarcerated at [redacted].

The SA who conducted the investigation at Los Angeles was SA [redacted].

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The Arizona State Attorney General's Office has requested that the FBI attempt to determine if the above-made claims can be substantiated with any validity and if so, the subsequent results of the investigations, if available.

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ALL RECEIVING OFFICES:

Receiving offices are requested to conduct indicies searches on information relevant to your respective division based on the above-provided information, and attempt to determine if these claims are valid. If so, provide Phoenix with the subsequent results of each investigation.

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 2 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (174A-2873) (CCTF) (RUC)  
 3 SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
 JOHN HARVEY ADAMSON;  
 ET AL;  
 DON F. BOLLES - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
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 OO: PHOENIX

Re Phoenix airtel to Denver dated 1/10/89.

In referenced communication, receiving office was requested to conduct indices searches on the names and information provided by Phoenix and to determine if the information was valid.

A check of Los Angeles indices yielded the following information:

1) [REDACTED]

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These serials include an FD-515 form indicating that [REDACTED] were convicted of armed robbery charges under Title 18, sections 1962, 2114, 894 and 2314. They each received sentences of 8, 25 and 20 years, respectively. The serials also include articles which state that [REDACTED] had been the government's chief witness in the case against [REDACTED].

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RE CONGRESSMAN STEIGER OR EMPRISE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM VICTIM AT THIS TIME.

PHOENIX PD INVESTIGATION UNABLE TO LINK ADAMSON WITH EMPRISE AT THIS TIME AND LOCAL POLICE EFFORTS TO LOCATED ADAMSON IN ARIZONA UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

ON JUNE 3, 1976, [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION PHOENIX PD, ADVISED HE TALKED BY TELEPHONE EVENING OF JUNE 2, 1976, WITH [REDACTED] AT BALBOA CLUB, NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AT TELEPHONE [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED SHE HAS TALKED WITH VICTIM NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER PAST YEARS AND DESCRIBED VICTIM AS A "CONFIDANT" TO WHOM SHE HAS CONFIDED FAMILY INFORMATION. SHE CLAIMS LAST CONVERSATION WITH VICTIM WAS TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO BOMBING. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF [REDACTED] FAMILY WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE RACE TRACK INTERESTS IN ARIZONA.

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ON JUNE 3, 1976, CONGRESSMAN SAM STEIGER TELEPHONED FBI, PHOENIX TO ADVISE THAT EMPLOYEE HIS OFFICE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON JUNE 3, 1976 FROM [REDACTED], INVESTIGATOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY ADVISED HE TALKED WITH VICTIM THREE MONTHS AGO WHEN VICTIM CONFIDED HE WAS INVESTIGATING MATTER REGARDING UNION AGREEMENTS WITH NAVAJO INDIANS: THAT VICTIMS INVESTIGATION WAS EXTREMELY

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